

## **Advaith Thampi**

Strategic Advisor and VSO Liaison

### **Board of Veterans' Appeals**

Mr. Thampi currently serves as the Strategic Advisor and VSO Liaison for the Board. He began his professional career enlisting in the United States Marine Corps and has over 10 years of combined experience serving veterans, families, caregivers, and survivors. A former advocate who successfully campaigned on Capitol Hill for several bills that were signed into law impacting veterans' healthcare access, survivor benefits, employment benefits, education benefits, caregiver benefits, and the impact of food insecurity on the Department of Defense's readiness. Career supported by a Juris Doctor (2019) from Chapman University, Dale E. Fowler School of Law, a Bachelor of Arts cum laude (2016) in Political Science Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California, Irvine, and an associate degree magna cum laude (2014) in U.S. History from Irvine Valley College. Served in the United States Marine Corps from 2005 to 2010 as a Crew Chief on C-130s with deployments to Iraq (2008), Japan (2009), and Afghanistan (2010).

### **CAREER**

2023 – Present	Strategic Advisor and VSO Liaison – Board of Veterans' Appeals
2023 – 2023	Director of Government Affairs and Legislative Counsel – Veterans Education Success
2022 – 2023	Legislative Counsel and Senior Associate – Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
2021 – 2022	Legislative Associate – The American Legion
2020 – 2021	Contract Specialist – Department of Defense
2017 – 2019	Law Clerk – Elder Law and Disability Rights Center
2015 – 2016	Team Leader – Research Assistant, National Defense University
2011 – 2014	Project Manager – Irvine Valley College Veterans Center
2005 – 2010	Sergeant of Marines and C-130 Crew Chief – United States Marine Corps

### **EDUCATION**

2019	Juris Doctor, Chapman University, Dale E. Fowler School of Law
2016	Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, University of California, Irvine
2014	Associates of Arts in U.S. History, Irvine Valley College